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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FORM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MFA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. IN MEETING WITH SIRRI JUNE 2, HE ASKED FOR OUR
HELP IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING: HE RECALLED
THAT SOME YEARS AGO NATO SECURITY COMMITTEE HAD
PLACED AN EMBARGO ON THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT. MFA
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WHICH WAS SET UP ABOUT 14 YEARS

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AGO, IS LARGELY SIEMANS EQUIPMENT. PART OF THIS

EQUIPMENT, AS DESCRIBED BY SIRRI, ARE CIPHER MACHINES, WHICH SCRAMBLE THE REGULAR TELEX PERFORATED TAPES. IT IS THESE CIPHER SCRAMBLING MACHINES WHICH ARE UNDER EMBARGO.

2. WHILE MFA ALSO HAS SOME OTHER TYPES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OBTAINED ELSEWHERE, ITS STRONG PREFERENCE IS FOR SIEMANS AND MFA NEEDS SOME ADDITIONAL SIEMANS SCRAMBLING EQUIPMENT. THE NATO EMBARGO, HE RECALLED, WAS IMPOSED UNDER DIFFERENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. SPEAKING FOR THE GOE, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EMBARGO CAN NOW BE LIFTED SOLELY REPEAT SOLELY TO PERMIT THE MFA TO ACQUIRE SOME ADDITIONAL SIEMANS EQUIPMENT OF THE TYPE INDICATED ABOVE. HE STRESSED NO REPEAT NO SUCH EQUIPMENT WILL BE BOUGHT FOR THE MINISTRY OF WAR OR ANY OTHER EGYPTIAN INSTITUTION.

3. SIRRI INDICATED THAT HE IS CALLING IN THE GERMAN CHARGE TOMORROW TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH HIM. HE WILL ASK THE FRG TO RAISE IN THE NATO SECURITY GROUP THE MATTER OF A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ON SIEMANS CIPHER MACHINES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US REPRESENTATIVE ON THAT GROUP WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL.
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